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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Examined Utility Model Registration Application Publication No. 5-15605, dated May 9, 1984 together with an English language abstract;
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-224550, published August 21, 2001 together with an English language abstract; and

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3. Uno, Y., "Discussion on Safety of Slim Colonoscope CF-SV", Journal of Japanese Society of Medical Instrumentation Vol. 67, No. 7 (supplementary volume), p. 289-292, July 1, 1997.

Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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